

# CIA says its man was a

## different George Bush

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WASHINGTON (AP)—A report that Vice President George Bush worked for the Central Intelligence Agency in the early 1960s as an operative appears to be a case of mistaken identity, the CIA said this week.

The agency has identified a George William Bush, who worked at the CIA headquarters during that period and who apparently is the man mentioned in a recently discovered FBI memorandum, said CIA representative Sharron Basso.

She said that while the agency usually does not confirm or deny employment or association with the CIA, in this case "[we] believe the record should be clarified."

"We put a lot of effort into this," said a source who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of a longstanding CIA policy of not confirming or denying the names of those who may have been on its payroll.

The suggestion that Bush, who was appointed CIA director in 1975 by President Gerald Ford, may have had an earlier role with

the agency was raised in the July 16 issue of Nation magazine. The magazine quoted from a 1963 memo by then-FBI director J. Edgar Hoover to the State Department.

In it, Hoover voiced the FBI's concerns that anti-Castro groups in Miami might use the assassination of President John F. Kennedy as the rationale for undertaking an unauthorized raid against Cuba.

"The substance of the foregoing information was orally furnished to Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency," the Hoover memo stated.

The magazine article speculated that Bush used his Texas oil business as a cover for clandestine CIA activities in the early 1960s. The vice president denied the report.

Basso said the other George Bush—not the George Herbert Walker Bush who is vice president—worked on the night watch at CIA headquarters.

George William Bush left the CIA in 1964 and his whereabouts is unknown, the CIA official said.